



KNIGHTDALE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

September 22, 2010

The Knightdale Town Council held a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future structure of the baseball and softball programs with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Chalk and Councilor Tim Poirier. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members Paula Gavasto, Korey Hatch, Cedric Montague, Mark Vardy, Chelsea Sumner, and William Lee

ABSENT: Mayor Russell Killen, Councilors Jeff Eddins, James Roberson and Terry Gleason. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members J.R. Bullock, Dustin Tripp and George Lloyd.

Staff Members Present: Seth Lawless, Tina Cheek, Jay Chalk, Chris Roland and Michelle Wester.

Meeting called to order by Tim Poirier at 7:00 p.m.

Councilor Poirier discussed his reasons for requesting the survey of program participant parents and coaches, primarily because of suggestions and comments he has gathered as a 4 year coach. After studying the survey, Poirier stated that we have an average program and he'd like to see it improved in several areas and wanted to know if members of the Council and Advisory Board shared any of his concerns. A general discussion ensued on a number elements of the Parks and Recreation baseball and softball program.

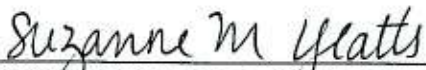
- 1) Not all players coming to the skills evaluation. Drafting players who have not been evaluated can lead an uneven distribution of the skill level of players. **The group agreed to provide two dates for skills evaluation and tell participants that it is mandatory.**
- 2) Improved coaching. **All agreed that current coaches, board members and others need to recruit coaches, especially those that do not have children participating.**

- 3) The condition of East Wake Middle School fields. Long grass and inadequate rest room facilities are problems. **Mayor Pro Tem Chalk stated that the Town would investigate acquiring or renting a portable rest room prior to the next season.**
- 4) Skill levels and team competitiveness might be improved if players returned to the same team during the second year of participation, and only new players or those moving up would be drafted. The benefits and drawback of that idea were discussed at length. **All agreed to keep the current system and have all players re-enter the draft every year.**
- 5) Many parents and coaches don't like having a pre-season tournament. **The group agreed to work on an "Opening Day" ceremony that would include games, and moving the tournament back to the end of the year.**
- 6) A discussion was held about changing to Tar Heel League rules for the 7-8 year old division. **All Agreed.**
- 7) Communication. **Staff agreed to improve communication through better use of email, web site, and distribution of participant contact information to the parents of team members.**
- 8) The group discussed issues related to scheduling weekend games, starting the season earlier, and working with the Knightsdale High School Athletic Director on an acceptable plan to use the complex concurrently with the KHS teams. **Staff agreed to work on these three issues.**
- 9) Jay Chalk suggested selecting the All star coaches at the beginning of the year to help them better select their rosters. **All Agreed.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Mayor Pro Tem James M. Chalk



Town Clerk Suzanne M. Yeatts